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WHY ARE WE WALKING DOWN HERE, PLAS? WE'RE NOT ON A CASE, HUH? YOU WOULDN'T BE TAKING ME ALONG IF WE WERE!
NO, WOOZY, WE'RE JUST OUT FOR A STROLL!
LOOK THERE! THOSE CROOKS ARE BREAKING INTO THE WAREHOUSE!
OH, BOY! WE'RE RIGHT HERE AT THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!
COME ON! WE'LL CATCH THEM RED HANDED!
HUH! THEY'VE VANISHED!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! THEY JUST VANISHED INTO THIN AIR!
MAYBE THEY WERE GHOSTS! UH...YOU KNOW, PLAS, IF YOU WANT TO HANDLE THIS CASE WITHOUT ME IT WILL BE ALL...
WHOEVER THEY WERE, THEY'RE GONE SO WE MIGHT AS WELL GO HOME!
T-THAT'S A G-G-GOOD IDEA, PLAS!
CHATTER CHATTER
THE NEXT DAY...
PLAS! LOOK HERE! IT SAYS A WAREHOUSE DOWN AT THE WATERFRONT WAS THOROUGHLY LOOTED LAST NIGHT!
THEN THOSE ACTUALLY WERE BURGLARS WE SAW LAST NIGHT! WOOZY, WE'RE GOING DOWN TO THE WATERFRONT TONIGHT! THEY MAY SHOW UP AGAIN!
ILY NEWS
DERS WIFE

THAT NIGHT...
THERE THEY ARE! IT MUST BE THE SAME GANG!
AS LONG AS THEY'RE NOT GHOSTS, COME ON! WE'LL PILE INTO THEM!
SHH! WE'LL SNEAK UP ON THEM AND TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE!
COME ON, WOOZY! GRAB THEM!
WHA....!
UGH!
SMACK!
WHEW! THAT WAS A FAST GETAWAY... WAIT! THAT TRUCK LOOKS SUSPICIOUS!
AND THIS BIRD SEEMS TO BE IN A HURRY TO GET AWAY!
JUST A MINUTE! YOU'RE NOT GOING ANY PLACE, BUSTER!

HEY! HAVE WE MET BEFORE? HOW DID YOU KNOW MY NAME WAS BUSTER?
YOUR NAME WILL BE BUSTED IF YOU DON'T HURRY UP AND TELL ME WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
ALL RIGHT! I'LL TALK!
THAT'S GOOD! NOW TELL ME HOW THOSE CROOKS HAPPEN TO POP IN AND OUT OF THIN AIR!
THEY WEREN'T REAL PEOPLE YOU SAW! IT WAS JUST A MOVIE FLASHED ON THE WALL FROM A PROJECTOR IN THE BACK OF THE TRUCK!
VERY CLEVER! THE PICTURES OF THOSE CROOKS WOULD DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF ANY COP IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD WHILE YOUR CONFEDERATES ROB SOME OTHER WAREHOUSE!
LOOK! SOMETHING WENT WRONG! THAT GUY'S GOT BUSTER!
WE'VE GOT TO GET RID OF HIM AND MAKE OUR GETAWAY!
YOU JUST WARN BUSTER! I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THAT MEDDLER!
JUMP, BUSTER JUMP!
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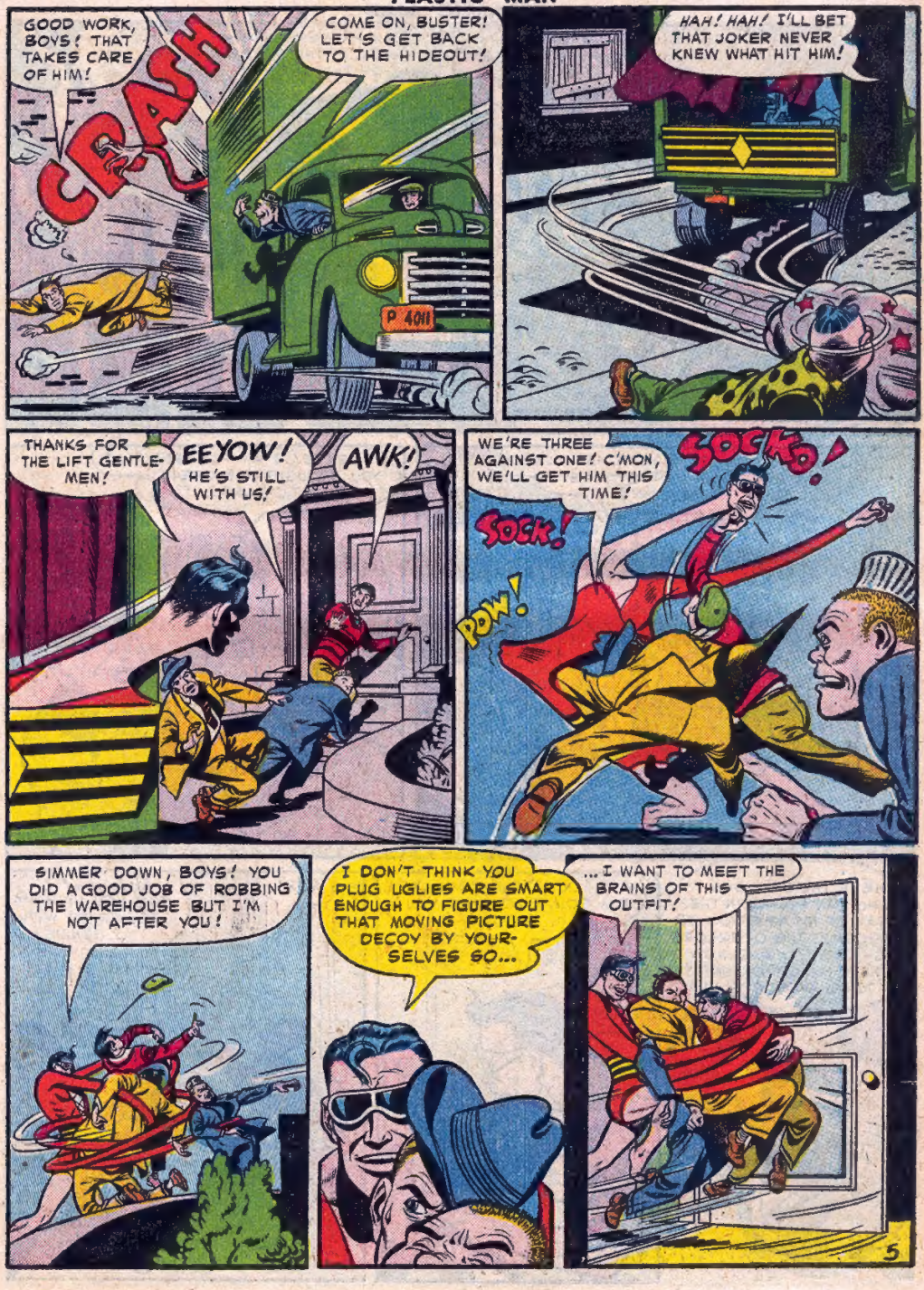
GOOD WORK, BOYS! THAT TAKES CARE OF HIM!
CRASH
COME ON, BUSTER! LET'S GET BACK TO THE HIDEOUT!
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HAH! HAH! I'LL BET THAT JOKER NEVER KNEW WHAT HIT HIM!
THANKS FOR THE LIFT GENTLEMEN!
EEYOW!
HE'S STILL WITH US!
AWK!
WE'RE THREE AGAINST ONE! C'MON, WE'LL GET HIM THIS TIME!
SOCK!
SOCK!
POW!
SIMMER DOWN, BOYS! YOU DID A GOOD JOB OF ROBBING THE WAREHOUSE BUT I'M NOT AFTER YOU!
I DON'T THINK YOU PLUG UGLIES ARE SMART ENOUGH TO FIGURE OUT THAT MOVING PICTURE DECOY BY YOURSELVES SO...
...I WANT TO MEET THE BRAINS OF THIS OUTFIT!
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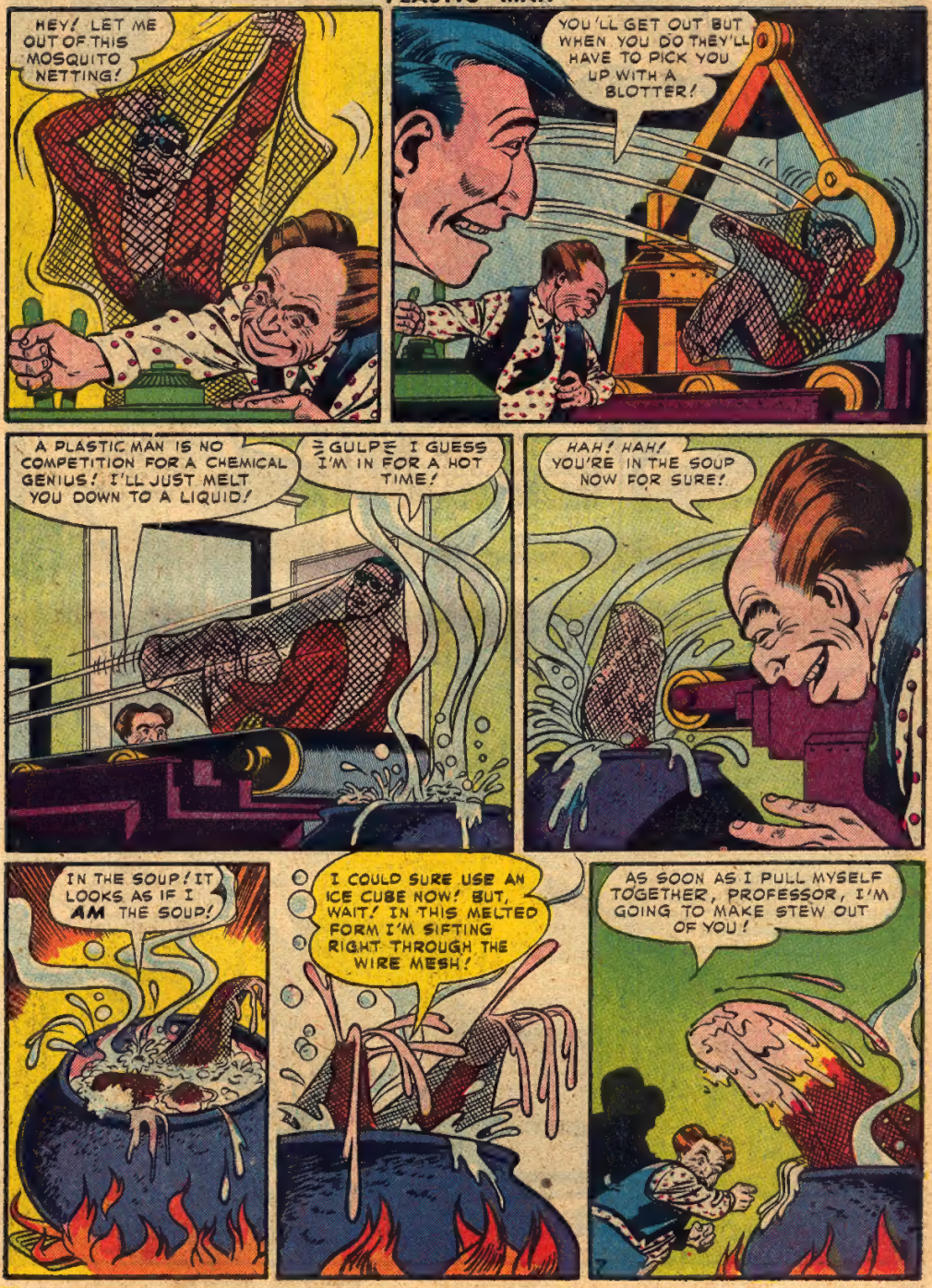
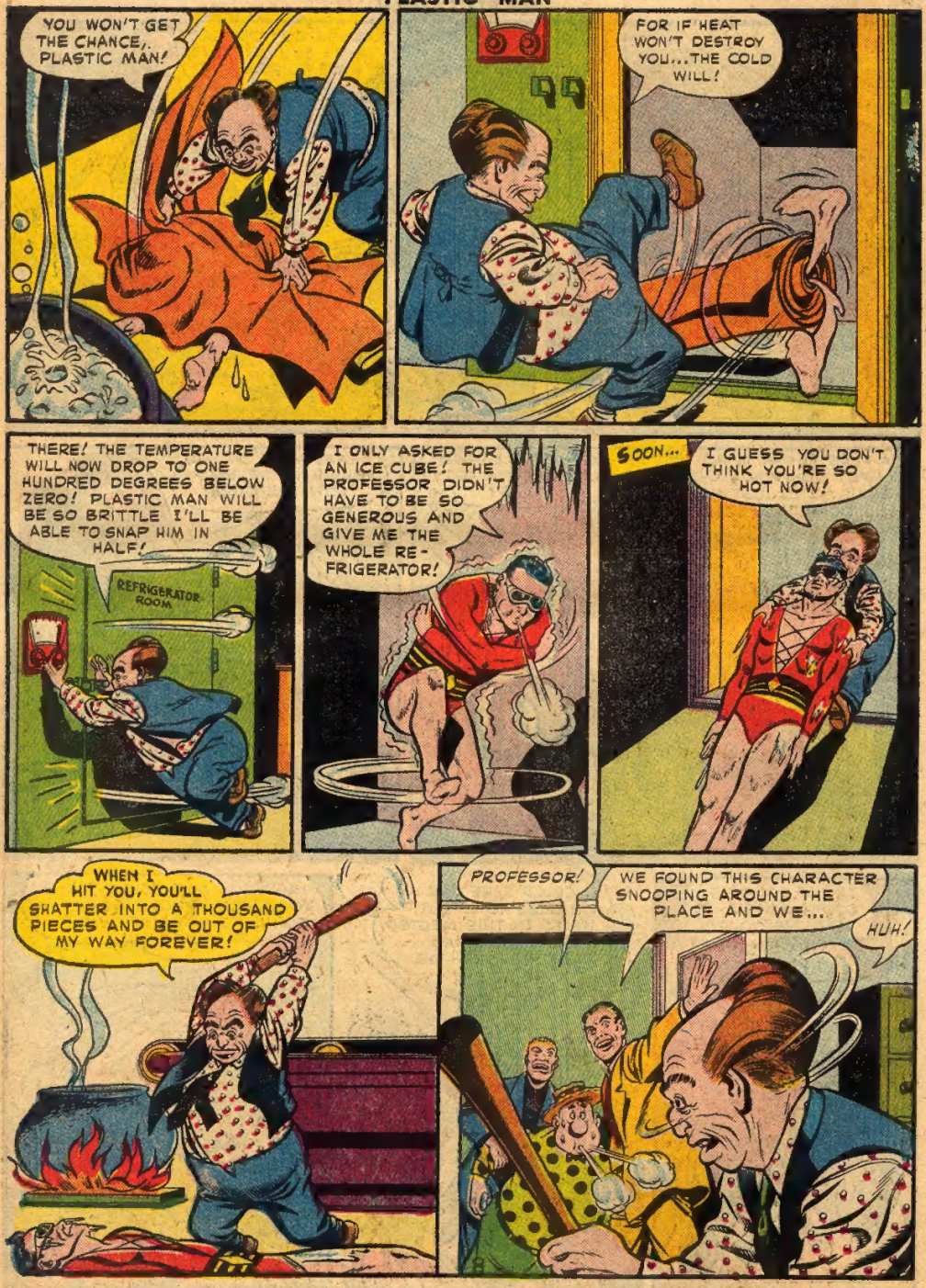
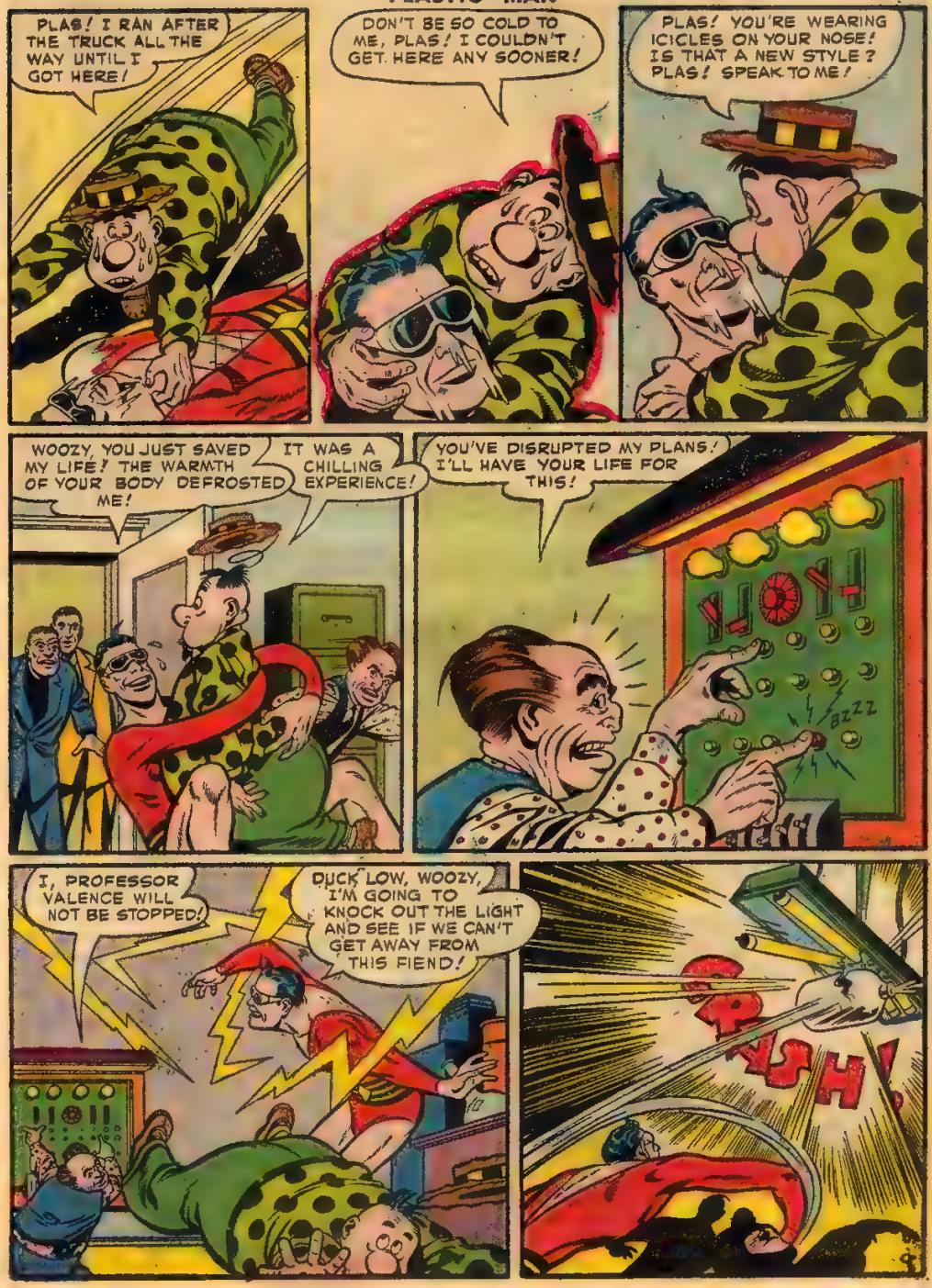
STAND WHERE YOU ARE, PLASTIC MAN!
BOOOM!
I AM PROFESSOR VALENCE, THE BRAINS OF THIS OUTFIT!
WE DIDN'T MEAN TO BRING HIM TO THE HIDEOUT, PROFESSOR!
YEAH, HE TRICKED US!
SILENCE! I AM PLEASED THAT YOU BROUGHT THE GREAT PLASTIC MAN!
HE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN STAND IN THE WAY OF MY AMBITION TO BECOME THE OVERLORD OF CRIME... AND NOW I HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DO AWAY WITH HIM!
WHY YOU LITTLE CRACKPOT, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU IN FOR...
HUH!
HAH! HAH! I SEE YOU HAVEN'T RECKONED WITH MY GENIUS!


HEY! LET ME OUT OF THIS MOSQUITO NETTING!
YOU'LL GET OUT BUT WHEN YOU DO THEY'LL HAVE TO PICK YOU UP WITH A BLOTTER!
A PLASTIC MAN IS NO COMPETITION FOR A CHEMICAL GENIUS! I'LL JUST MELT YOU DOWN TO A LIQUID!
=GULP= I GUESS I'M IN FOR A HOT TIME!
HAH! HAH! YOU'RE IN THE SOUP NOW FOR SURE!
IN THE SOUP! IT LOOKS AS IF I AM THE SOUP!
I COULD SURE USE AN ICE CUBE NOW! BUT, WAIT! IN THIS MELTED FORM I'M SIFTING RIGHT THROUGH THE WIRE MESH!
AS SOON AS I PULL MYSELF TOGETHER, PROFESSOR, I'M GOING TO MAKE STEW OUT OF YOU!


YOU WON'T GET THE CHANCE, PLASTIC MAN!
FOR IF HEAT WON'T DESTROY YOU...THE COLD WILL!
THERE! THE TEMPERATURE WILL NOW DROP TO ONE HUNDRED DEGREES BELOW ZERO! PLASTIC MAN WILL BE SO BRITTLE I'LL BE ABLE TO SNAP HIM IN HALF!
REFRIGERATOR ROOM
I ONLY ASKED FOR AN ICE CUBE! THE PROFESSOR DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SO GENEROUS AND GIVE ME THE WHOLE REFRIGERATOR!
SOON...
I GUESS YOU DON'T THINK YOU'RE SO HOT NOW!
WHEN I HIT YOU, YOU'LL SHATTER INTO A THOUSAND PIECES AND BE OUT OF MY WAY FOREVER!
PROFESSOR!
WE FOUND THIS CHARACTER SNOOPING AROUND THE PLACE AND WE...
HUH!


PLAS! I RAN AFTER THE TRUCK ALL THE WAY UNTIL I GOT HERE!
DON'T BE SO COLD TO ME, PLAS! I COULDN'T GET HERE ANY SOONER!
PLAS! YOU'RE WEARING ICICLES ON YOUR NOSE! IS THAT A NEW STYLE? PLAS! SPEAK TO ME!
WOOZY, YOU JUST SAVED MY LIFE! THE WARMTH OF YOUR BODY DEFROSTED ME!
IT WAS A CHILLING EXPERIENCE!
YOU'VE DISRUPTED MY PLANS! I'LL HAVE YOUR LIFE FOR THIS!
BZZZ
I, PROFESSOR VALENCE WILL NOT BE STOPPED!
DUCK LOW, WOOZY, I'M GOING TO KNOCK OUT THE LIGHT AND SEE IF WE CAN'T GET AWAY FROM THIS FIEND!
CRASH!

SLUG! BUSTER! JOE! GET SOME LIGHT IN HERE, QUICKLY!
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SOON...
PLASTIC MAN IS GONE! THAT FOOL IS THE CAUSE OF HIS ESCAPE! TAKE HIM TO THE LIGHTNING ROOM!
PLEASE, MISTER PROFESSOR, YOU DON'T HAVE TO THROW THE SWITCH TO KILL ME!.. IN ANOTHER FEW MINUTES I'LL PROBABLY DIE OF HEART FAILURE!
FOR INTERFERING WITH PROFESSOR VALENCE...YOU DIE!
AWP!
HEY... ULP!
UGH!
OOH!
HUH! PLAS! WE REALLY KNOCKED THEM OVER, DIDN'T WE?
WE CERTAINLY DID, WOOZY! COME ON! WE'VE GOT TO DELIVER THIS HAUL TO JAIL!
LATER..
I WILL NOT BE STOPPED! I AM PROFESSOR VALENCE! NOTHING WILL STOP ME FROM BECOMING THE OVERLORD OF CRIME!
PLAS, I'M AFRAID OF THAT MADMAN! I HOPE HE DOESN'T GET OUT SOON!
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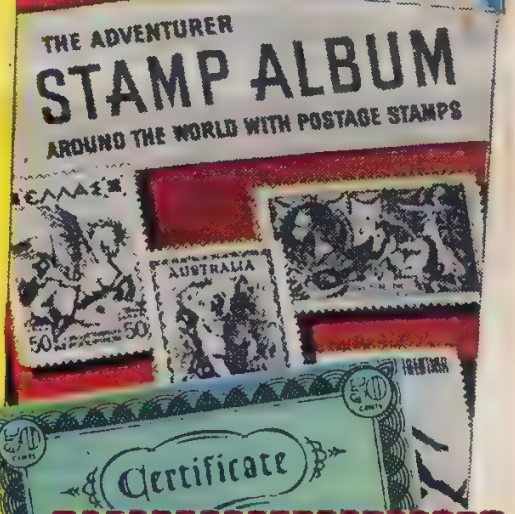

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WILDFIRE

MARCIA could sense Red's anger when she hired the stranger. But he had good references, the very best when it came to breaking and training horses and she needed a good man on the place. Later when the foreman came to her to complain, she listened patiently. "Miss Marcia, it's always been my job to do the hiring around here. When your pa died, he wanted it that way," said Red Curran. "And now you go hiring a cowpoke nobody knows, without even consulting me." "I'm sorry you weren't consulted, Red," replied Marcia Robbins slowly, "but this man has qualifications we need at the Bar R. He's a rodeo performer and he's agreed to ready Wildfire for the rodeo opening and also to ride him for the Bar R Ranch. If he wins, the purse will bring me the money I need for that payment on the ranch. And you know how very much we need that money." Red looked interested at her explanation, but he loped away without further comment.

The pretty girl's brow wrinkled with worry as she thought of the state things were in. When her father died two years earlier, the ranch had been thriving. Since then she'd been the victim of wholesale cattle rustling, with the thieves backing huge stock trucks up to the edge of her range lands and simply driving the steers in, to be carted off and sold under another brand. Red had posted sentries and the sheriff had organized several posses, but the thieves were too crafty, they seemed to know when to strike. Now the final payment on the Bar R was coming due and she didn't have the money to pay it. The Bar R was a good spread and many a rancher had tried to buy it from her but she clung to her home tenaciously. Her only hope was in making an entry in the rodeo for the Bar R. Red had quit riding two years before, claiming that an old knee injury bothered him, so he couldn't be counted on to bring in the prize money. Now Marcia's hopes were pinned on Brad Tucker, and the bucking, fighting, untrained roan, Wildfire.

Her thoughts were interrupted as Brad Tucker walked up to her, "My gear is all set ma'am," he said. "I'd like to have a look at Wildfire now." She was startled out of her thoughtfulness. "Oh, yes," she said. "I'll take you down. Red's busy in the stable. I guess you've noticed, Brad, that our foreman didn't take it kindly when I hired you." He laughed a little, "Yes, that didn't take much imagination. I'm surprised he doesn't approve of you hiring a rodeo man, though, Miss Marcia. I can recall that Red Curran was a top rodeo name a few years back. He represented your father successfully in all the big shows." Marcia nodded, thoughtfully, "Well, maybe it's sour grapes. He claims an old knee injury keeps him out of the rodeos now and I guess he misses his share of the prize money." They had reached the corral and Wildfire was seen as he was rarely seen, grazing quietly. Brad whistled softly as he viewed the beautiful horse.

Brad Tucker worked daily with Wildfire. Marcia arranged for him to be exempted from all other ranch work so he could concentrate on training the handsome stallion. Red Curran smoldered under this usurpation of his authority, but he had little to say to Tucker, though many times, Marcia observed him watching carefully as Brad patiently put the horse through his paces.

Finally the rodeo announcements began to appear all over the countryside and there was wide-spread talk about the reappearance of the Phantom Rider. He was the winner in the big rodeo the year before with a black stallion that stole the show. But he refused to give his name or show his face and the fact that he was scheduled to appear again this year, caused many of the more timid entries to drop out. Marcia asked Brad how he felt about competing against the Phantom Rider. "It doesn't make much difference who enters, Miss Marcia," replied Brad confidently. "With Wildfire, I'm sure we can win for the Bar R and then all your worries will be over." "Maybe they'll just be beginning," interrupted Red as he came around the side of the house. "You sound pretty cocky for a man who's going to compete with the Phantom Rider. I'll be up in those stands watching with interest, Tucker." And he turned on his heel and walked away.

From then on, Brad slept in the stable near Wildfire, but he didn't mention his suspicions to Marcia Robbins because he knew she believed Red's attitude was because he could no longer ride in the shows. Brad's watchfulness paid off two nights before the rodeo when he was awakened by someone stealthily creeping up on him. He was lying on his back, his eyes almost closed when the man bent over him. Through his lashes, Brad could see that he was masked and he held a knife. Without hesitating further, he suddenly drew back his knees and booted the intruder violently. He flew backwards, cursing, but had regained his feet by the time Brad was up. In the fight that followed, Brad was doing all right until a crack on the head came from behind. He sagged out of the picture. He came to, a short while later, trussed up with ropes and lying out by the corral. He was frantic because he could hear faint movements in the stable and he was afraid of what the invaders might do to Wildfire. He didn't want to shout and attract their attention so he whinnied, plaintively and long. Brad called on a childhood hobby of animal imitations to attract Marcia Robbins attention. He recalled her interest in Wildfire and he hoped against hope that if she heard the sounds she'd come to the corral to see if Wildfire were out at this late hour. His attempts were rewarded moments later, when clad in a robe, Marcia came hurrying out to the corral. He attracted her attention and as she excitedly released him, he told her what had happened in the stable. They reached it in time to see a man about to plunge a hypodermic into the flanks of Wildfire, while another masked man held tightly to the reins to steady the nervous horse. Brad didn't wait to get a gun, he dived for the man about to injure the horse. The fight was more even after he tossed the man's gun to Miss Marcia and she trained it on the entire group. It didn't take long to unmask Red Curran, nor to extricate a full confession of cattle rustling under the threat of a further beating. He was turned in to the sheriff along with the members of his gang.

Brad rode Wildfire in the Big Rodeo and won for the Bar R. The phantom rider didn't appear, he was resting in jail, contemplating his broken plans of winning the prize money and of breaking Marcia Robbins as a ranch owner and taking over the Bar R spread for his own. Wildfire is now one of the most famous rodeo horses in the west and the prosperous Bar R has a new foreman.

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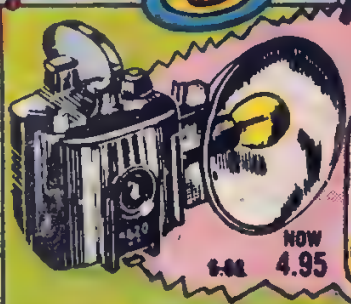

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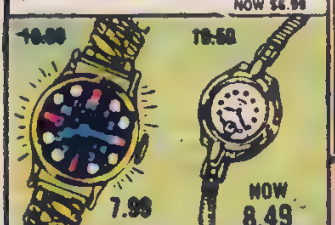

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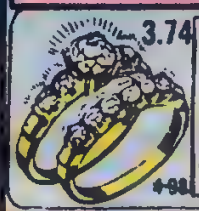

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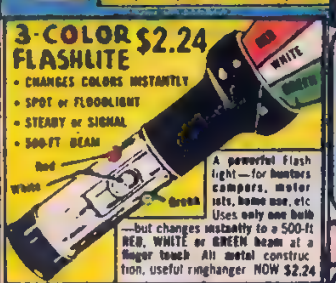

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IT'S A LIE! I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG! WHY SHOULD I BE ARRESTED?
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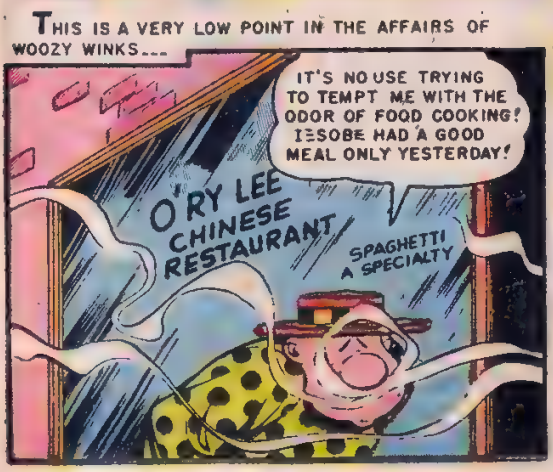
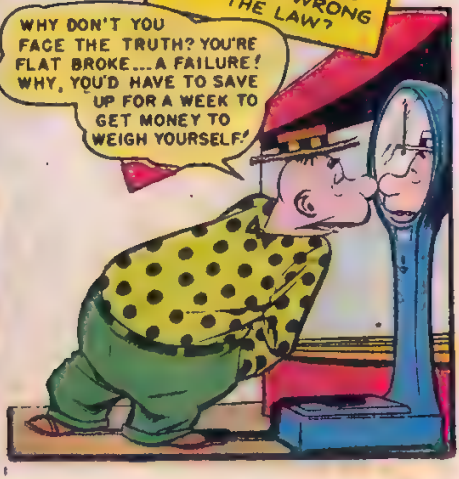
WOOZY WINKS ARRESTED
CAN IT BE? IS IT POSSIBLE THAT OUR OLD FRIEND WOOZY WINKS, ASSISTANT TO THE GREAT CRIME FIGHTER PLASTIC MAN IS IN WRONG WITH THE LAW?


THIS IS A VERY LOW POINT IN THE AFFAIRS OF WOOZY WINKS...
IT'S NO USE TRYING TO TEMPT ME WITH THE ODOR OF FOOD COOKING! I ESOBE HAD A GOOD MEAL ONLY YESTERDAY!
O'RY LEE CHINESE RESTAURANT
SPAGHETTI A SPECIALTY


WHY DON'T YOU FACE THE TRUTH? YOU'RE FLAT BROKE... A FAILURE! WHY, YOU'D HAVE TO SAVE UP FOR A WEEK TO GET MONEY TO WEIGH YOURSELF!

I'D CUT MY THROAT... EXCEPT THAT RAZORS COST MONEY! ONLY A MIRACLE WILL SAVE ME FROM THIS DIRE POVERTY!
WHAP!
?
SMASH SALE
A NEWSPAPER... DATED MAY 14TH! I'LL NEVER FORGET THIS DAY AS LONG AS I LIVE!
HMM?
EVE TING DESIK
OPENS TODAY MAY 13
PARDON ME, OFFICER, BUT WHAT DAY IS THIS?
WEDNESDAY... MAY 13TH!
YIPPEEE!
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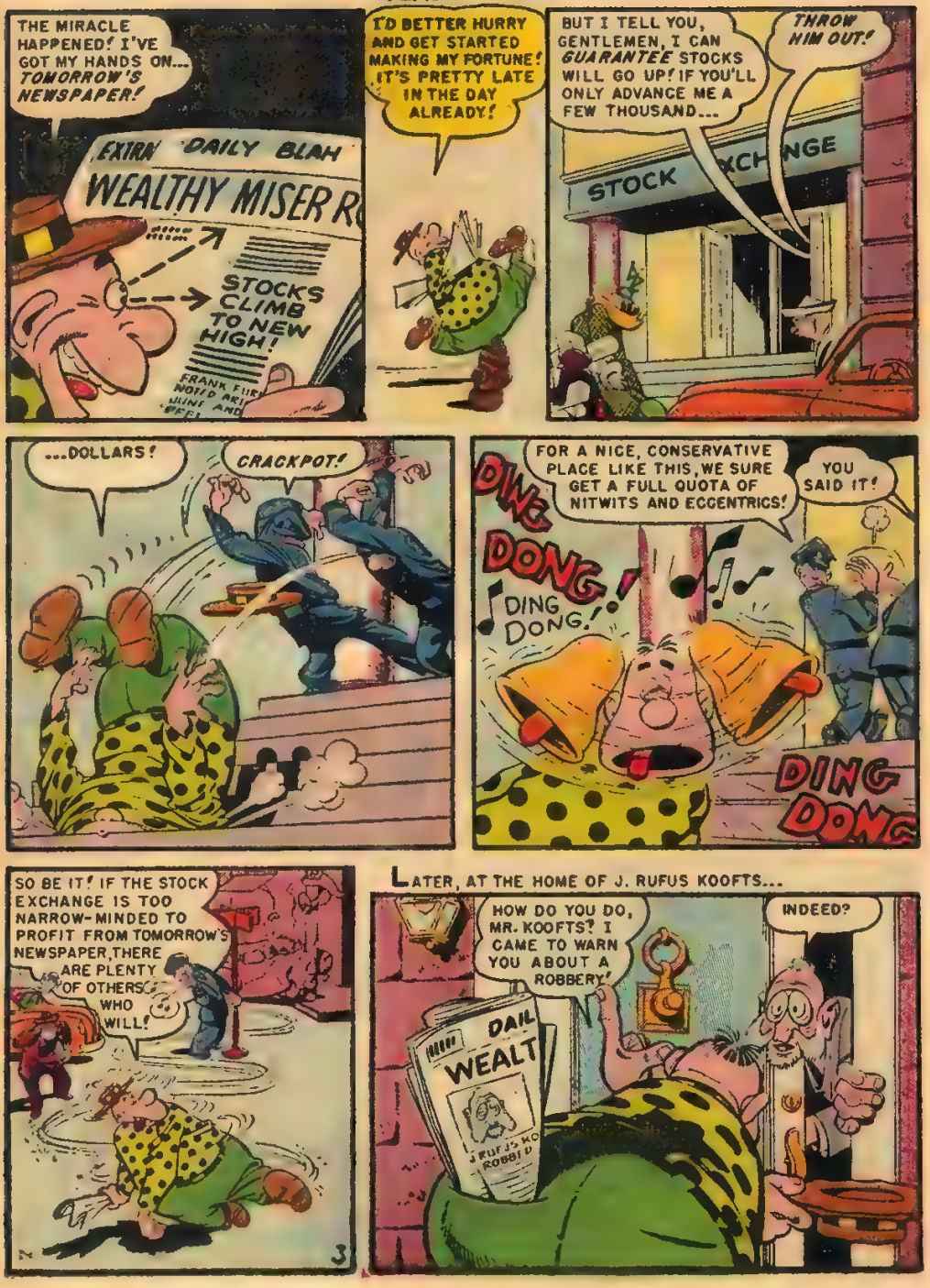
NO ONE'S WATCHING!
YEP! NO DOUBT ABOUT IT! THIS NEWSPAPER IS DATED THURSDAY... MAY 14TH!


THE MIRACLE HAPPENED! I'VE GOT MY HANDS ON... TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER!
EXTRA! DAILY BLAH
WEALTHY MISER R
STOCKS CLIMB TO NEW HIGH!
I'D BETTER HURRY AND GET STARTED MAKING MY FORTUNE! IT'S PRETTY LATE IN THE DAY ALREADY!
BUT I TELL YOU, GENTLEMEN, I CAN GUARANTEE STOCKS WILL GO UP! IF YOU'LL ONLY ADVANCE ME A FEW THOUSAND...
THROW HIM OUT!
STOCK
...DOLLARS!
CRACKPOT!
FOR A NICE, CONSERVATIVE PLACE LIKE THIS, WE SURE GET A FULL QUOTA OF NITWITS AND ECCENTRICS!
YOU SAID IT!
DING DONG!
DING DONG!
DING DONG
SO BE IT! IF THE STOCK EXCHANGE IS TOO NARROW-MINDED TO PROFIT FROM TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER, THERE ARE PLENTY OF OTHERS WHO WILL!
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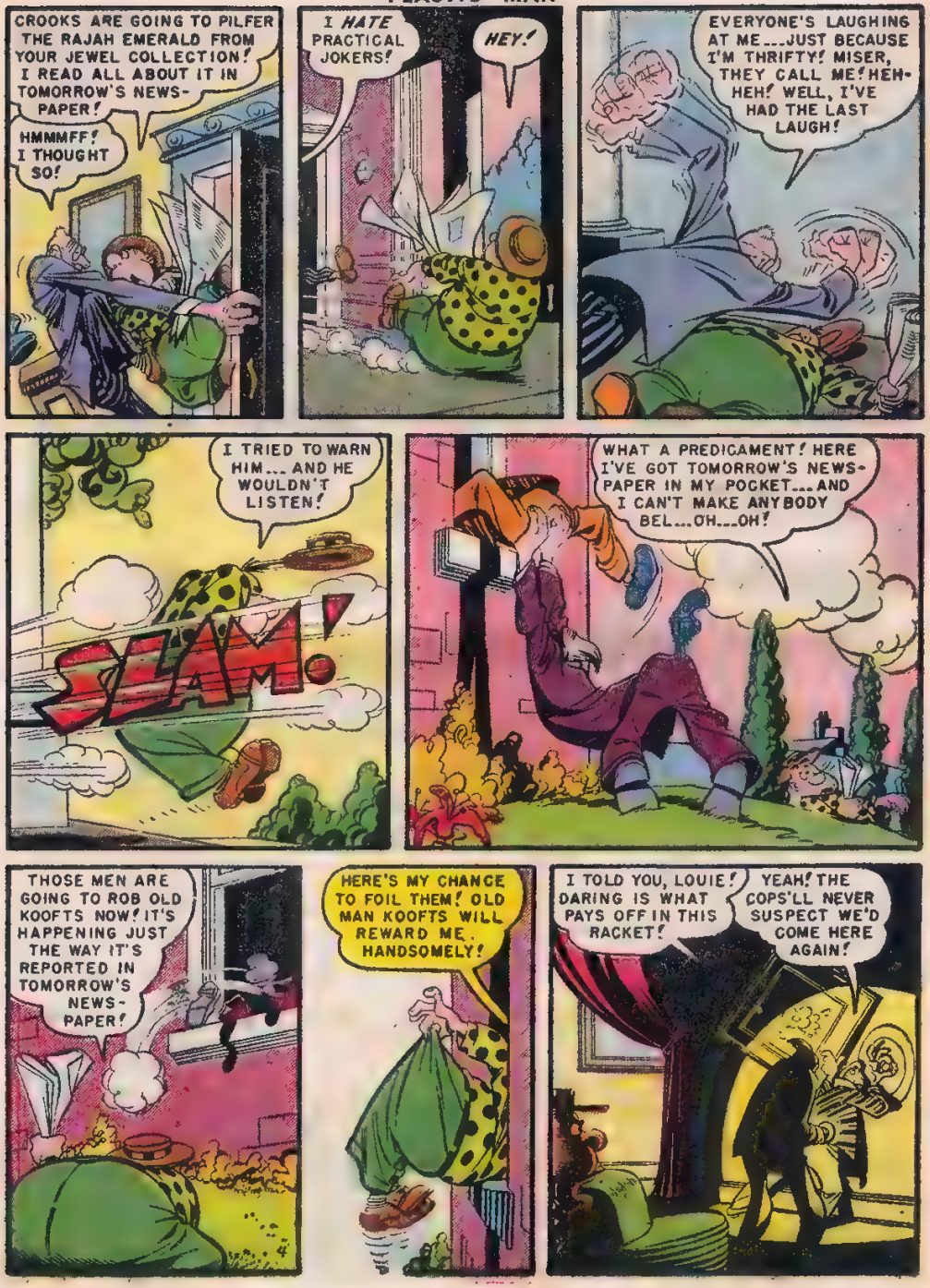
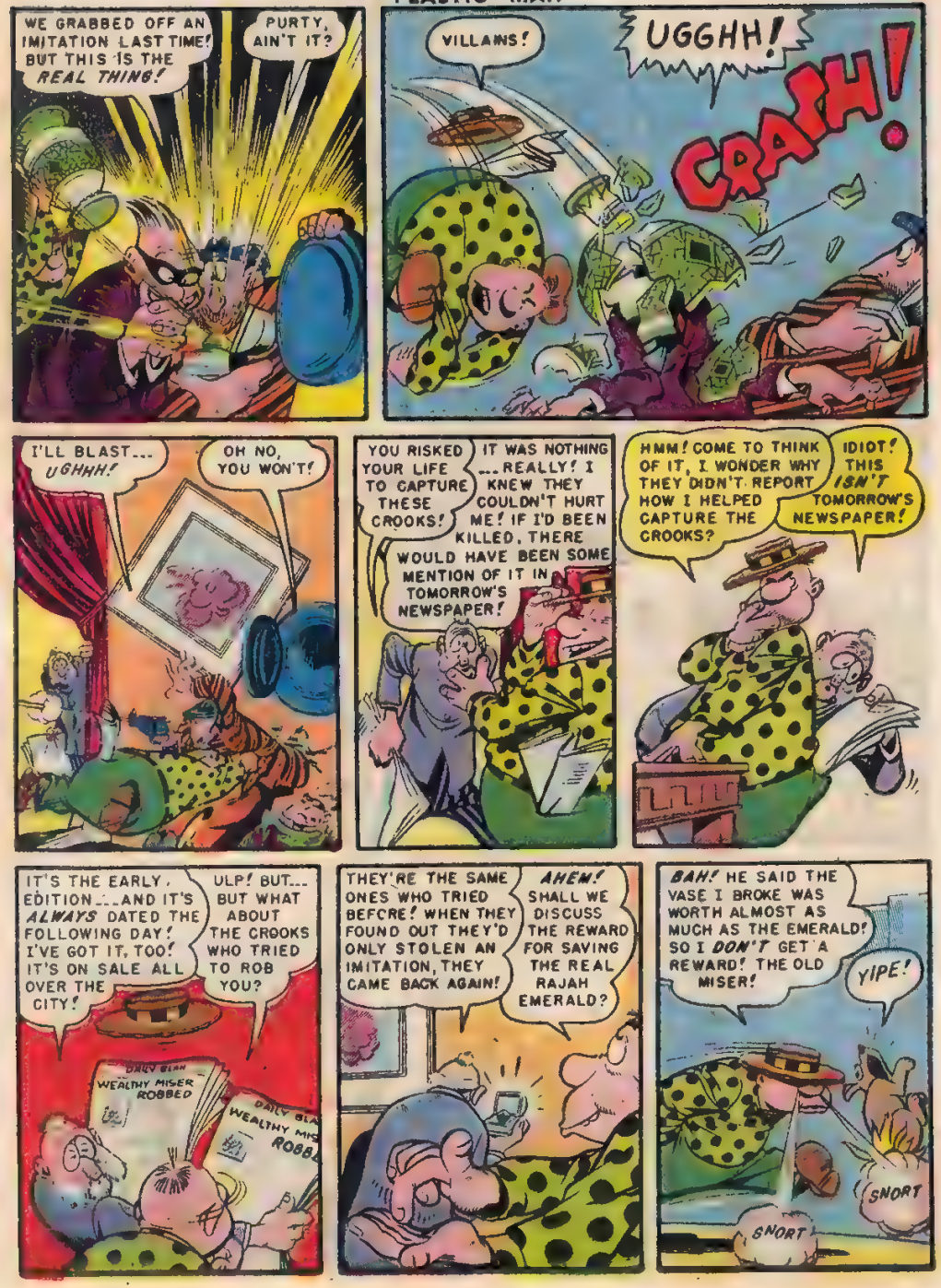
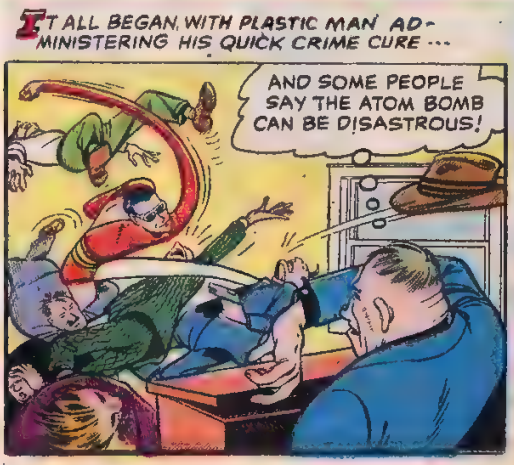
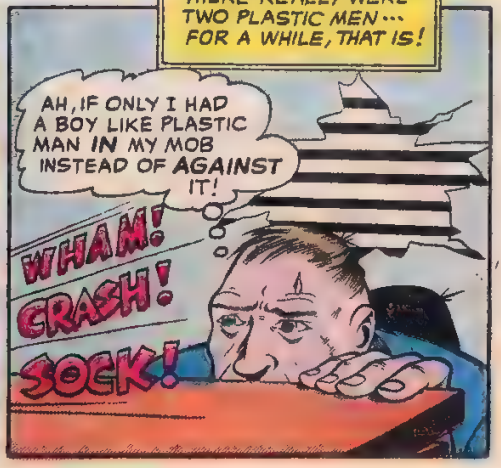
LATER, AT THE HOME OF J. RUFUS KOOFTS...
HOW DO YOU DO, MR. KOOFTS? I CAME TO WARN YOU ABOUT A ROBBERY!
INDEED?
DAIL
WEALT


CROOKS ARE GOING TO PILFER THE RAJAH EMERALD FROM YOUR JEWEL COLLECTION! I READ ALL ABOUT IT IN TOMORROW'S NEWS-PAPER!
HMMMFF! I THOUGHT SO!
I HATE PRACTICAL JOKERS!
HEY!
EVERYONE'S LAUGHING AT ME---JUST BECAUSE I'M THRIFTY! MISER, THEY CALL ME! HEH-HEH! WELL, I'VE HAD THE LAST LAUGH!
I TRIED TO WARN HIM... AND HE WOULDN'T LISTEN!
SLAM!
WHAT A PREDICAMENT! HERE I'VE GOT TOMORROW'S NEWS-PAPER IN MY POCKET... AND I CAN'T MAKE ANYBODY BEL...OH...OH!
THOSE MEN ARE GOING TO ROB OLD KOOFTS NOW! IT'S HAPPENING JUST THE WAY IT'S REPORTED IN TOMORROW'S NEWS-PAPER!
HERE'S MY CHANCE TO FOIL THEM! OLD MAN KOOFTS WILL REWARD ME. HANDSOMELY!
I TOLD YOU, LOUIE! DARING IS WHAT PAYS OFF IN THIS RACKET!
YEAH! THE COPS'LL NEVER SUSPECT WE'D COME HERE AGAIN!


WE GRABBED OFF AN IMITATION LAST TIME! BUT THIS IS THE REAL THING!
PURTY, AIN'T IT?
VILLAINS!
UGGHH!
CRAAH!
I'LL BLAST... UGHHH!
OH NO, YOU WON'T!
YOU RISKED YOUR LIFE TO CAPTURE THESE CROOKS!
IT WAS NOTHING ...REALLY! I KNEW THEY COULDN'T HURT ME! IF I'D BEEN KILLED, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SOME MENTION OF IT IN TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER!
HMM! COME TO THINK OF IT, I WONDER WHY THEY DIDN'T REPORT HOW I HELPED CAPTURE THE CROOKS?
IDIOT! THIS ISN'T TOMORROW'S NEWSPAPER!
IT'S THE EARLY EDITION...AND IT'S ALWAYS DATED THE FOLLOWING DAY! I'VE GOT IT, TOO! IT'S ON SALE ALL OVER THE CITY!
ULP! BUT... BUT WHAT ABOUT THE CROOKS WHO TRIED TO ROB YOU?
DAILY BLAB
WEALTHY MISER ROBBED
THEY'RE THE SAME ONES WHO TRIED BEFORE! WHEN THEY FOUND OUT THEY'D ONLY STOLEN AN IMITATION, THEY CAME BACK AGAIN!
AHEM! SHALL WE DISCUSS THE REWARD FOR SAVING THE REAL RAJAH EMERALD?
BAH! HE SAID THE VASE I BROKE WAS WORTH ALMOST AS MUCH AS THE EMERALD! SO I DON'T GET A REWARD! THE OLD MISER!
YIPE!
SNORT
SNORT

Plastic Man
PLASTIC MAN ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE LAW? PEOPLE COULD HARDLY BELIEVE THEIR EYES··· ESPECIALLY WOOZY WHO THOUGHT HE WAS SEEING DOUBLE! BUT WOOZY DIDN'T NEED GLASSES! THERE REALLY WERE TWO PLASTIC MEN··· FOR A WHILE, THAT IS!


IT ALL BEGAN WITH PLASTIC MAN ADMINISTERING HIS QUICK CRIME CURE ···
AND SOME PEOPLE SAY THE ATOM BOMB CAN BE DISASTROUS!


AH, IF ONLY I HAD A BOY LIKE PLASTIC MAN IN MY MOB INSTEAD OF AGAINST IT!
WHAM!
CRASH!
SOCK!

YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND ME, PLASTIC MAN! I ADMIRE YOUR STYLE! NOW, IF YOU'D ONLY CO-OPERATE WITH ME ···
BUNYAN O'BANYON, I INTEND TO CO-OPERATE WITH YOU AS SOON AS I'VE FINISHED WITH YOUR PLAYMATES!
AH··· MAYBE HE'S READY TO, SEE THE LIGHT!
NOW THAT I KNOW WE'RE GOING TO BE CONFEDERATES I DON'T EVEN MIND WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO MY BOYS! AND TO GET BACK TO THE BUSINESS OF CO-OPERATION···
OH, I WAS QUITE SERIOUS ABOUT THAT! I MEANT MY FIST WAS GOING TO CO-OPERATE WITH A NERVE IN YOUR JAW TO KNOCK YOU COLD!
GULP! I CAN SEE I HAVEN'T SOLD YOU A THING!
YOU'RE SO RIGHT! AND NIX ON PULLING A GUN···IT'S NOT POLITE!
A GUN? WHO'S GOT A GUN?
UH-OH! POISON, EH? DON'T TAKE IT!
WHO'S TAKING IT?
I'M GIVING IT!
POP!
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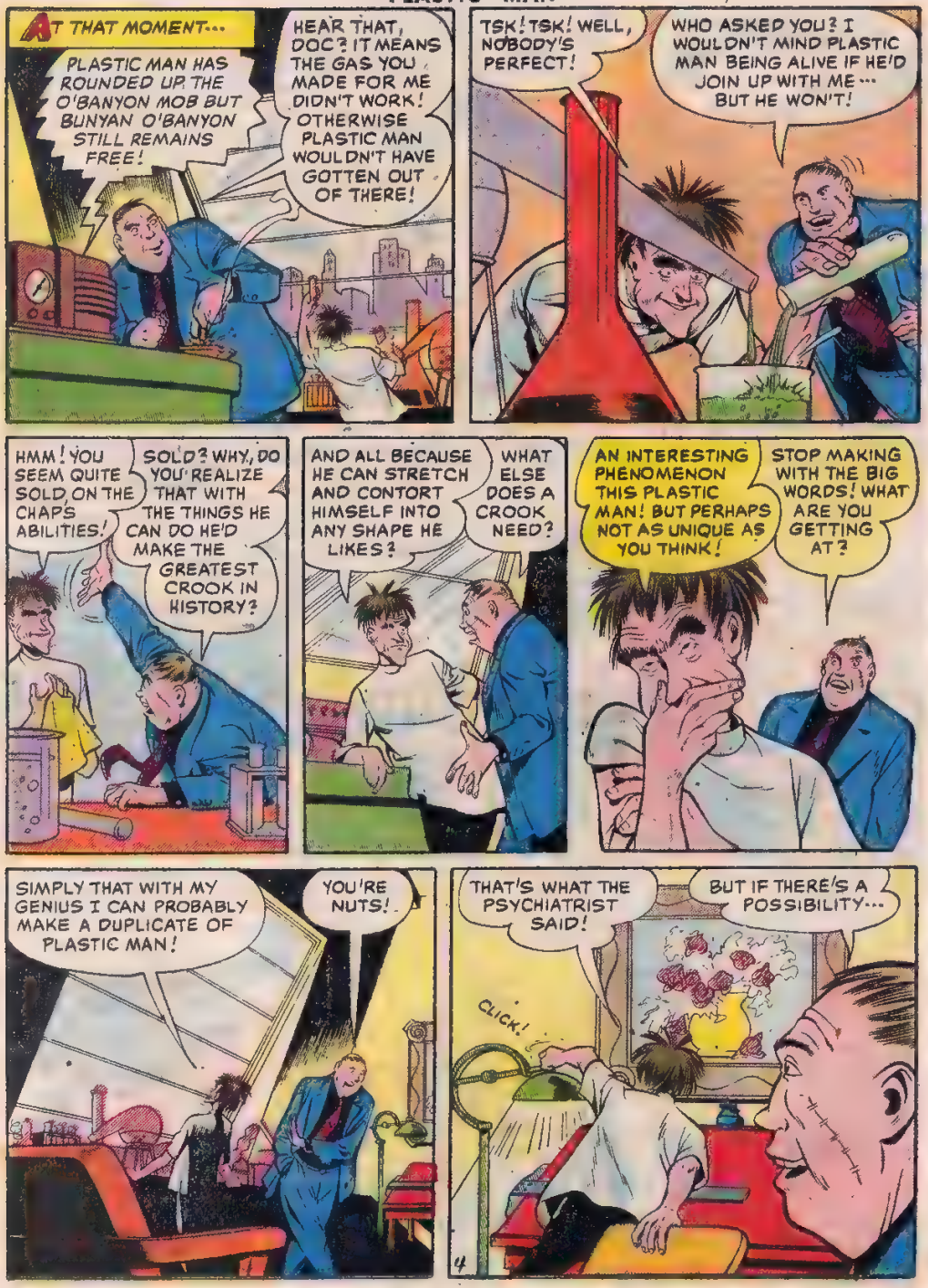
:COUGH:
POISON GAS!
:CHOKE:
I'LL GET YOU, BUNYAN O'BANYON!
HA! HA! YOU SHOULD LIVE SO LONG!
HE'S GONE! PROBABLY THROUGH SOME SECRET PANEL! UGH! I CAN'T LOOK FOR HIM NOW! NO TELLING HOW MUCH LONGER IT'LL TAKE FOR THE GAS TO LAY ME OUT!
:COUGH:
:CHOKE: BESIDES, I'D BETTER GET THESE GUYS OUT OF HERE BEFORE IT FINISHES THEM!
AT N.B.I. HEADQUARTERS...
HE GOT AWAY, CHIEF!
BUNYAN O'BANYON'S MOB! BUT WHERE'S BUNYAN HIMSELF?
I KNEW IT! NOW IF YOU'D TAKEN ME ALONG...
YOU'D HAVE BEEN KNOCKED OUT BY THE STRANGE GAS BUNYAN USED THAT ALMOST BUT NOT QUITE GOT ME!
GAS, EH? WHAT'LL THAT CROOK THINK OF NEXT?
NOTHING GOOD! I'M SURE OF THAT! AND I WON'T KNOW WHERE TO LOOK FOR HIM UNTIL HE MAKES HIS NEXT MOVE!


AT THAT MOMENT···
PLASTIC MAN HAS ROUNDED UP THE O'BANYON MOB BUT BUNYAN O'BANYON STILL REMAINS FREE!
HEAR THAT, DOC? IT MEANS THE GAS YOU MADE FOR ME DIDN'T WORK! OTHERWISE PLASTIC MAN WOULDN'T HAVE GOTTEN OUT OF THERE!
TSK! TSK! WELL, NOBODY'S PERFECT!
WHO ASKED YOU? I WOULDN'T MIND PLASTIC MAN BEING ALIVE IF HE'D JOIN UP WITH ME··· BUT HE WON'T!
HMM! YOU SEEM QUITE SOLD ON THE CHAP'S ABILITIES!
SOLD? WHY, DO YOU REALIZE THAT WITH THE THINGS HE CAN DO HE'D MAKE THE GREATEST CROOK IN HISTORY?
AND ALL BECAUSE HE CAN STRETCH AND CONTORT HIMSELF INTO ANY SHAPE HE LIKES?
WHAT ELSE DOES A CROOK NEED?
AN INTERESTING PHENOMENON THIS PLASTIC MAN! BUT PERHAPS NOT AS UNIQUE AS YOU THINK!
STOP MAKING WITH THE BIG WORDS! WHAT ARE YOU GETTING AT?
SIMPLY THAT WITH MY GENIUS I CAN PROBABLY MAKE A DUPLICATE OF PLASTIC MAN!
YOU'RE NUTS!
THAT'S WHAT THE PSYCHIATRIST SAID!
BUT IF THERE'S A POSSIBILITY···
CLICK!
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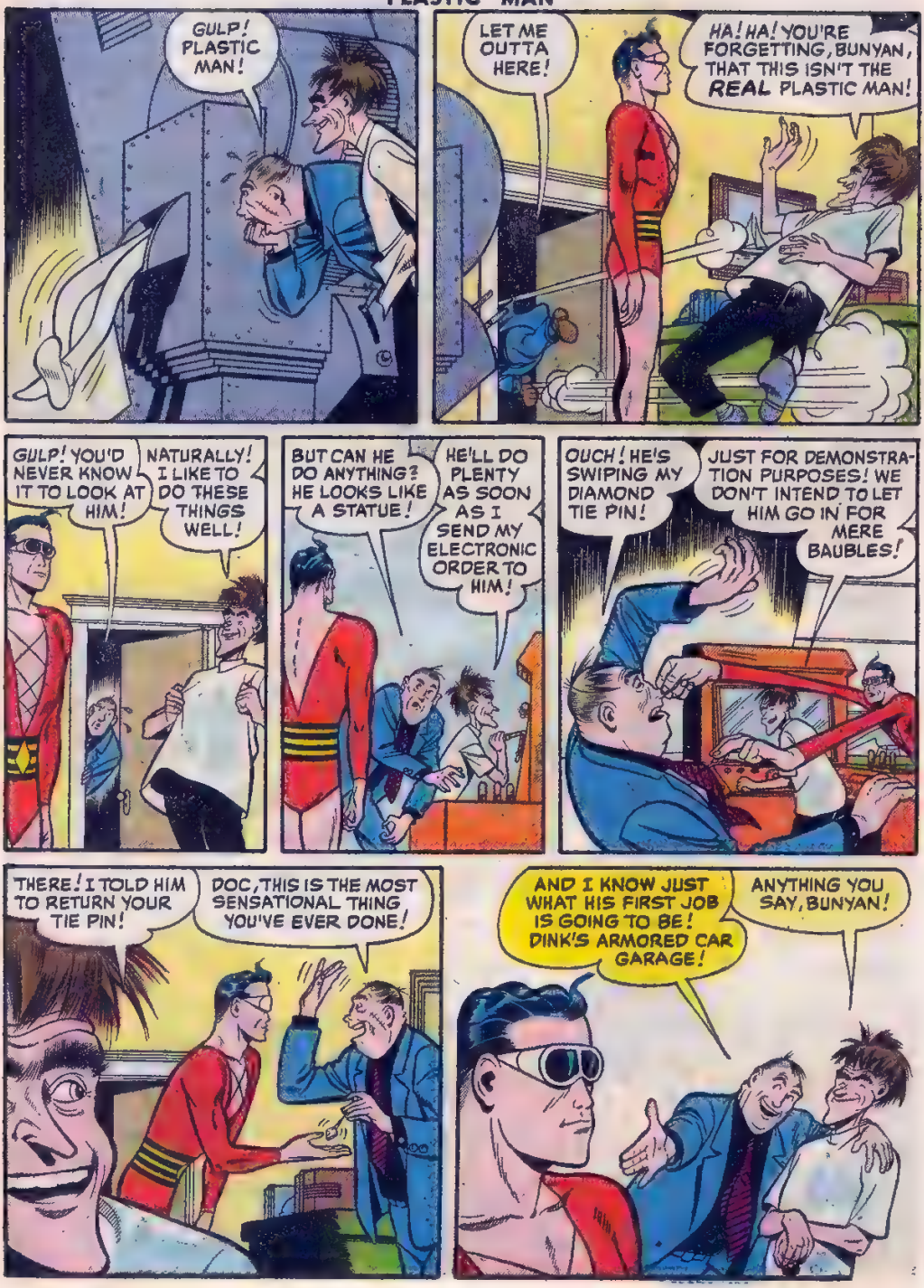
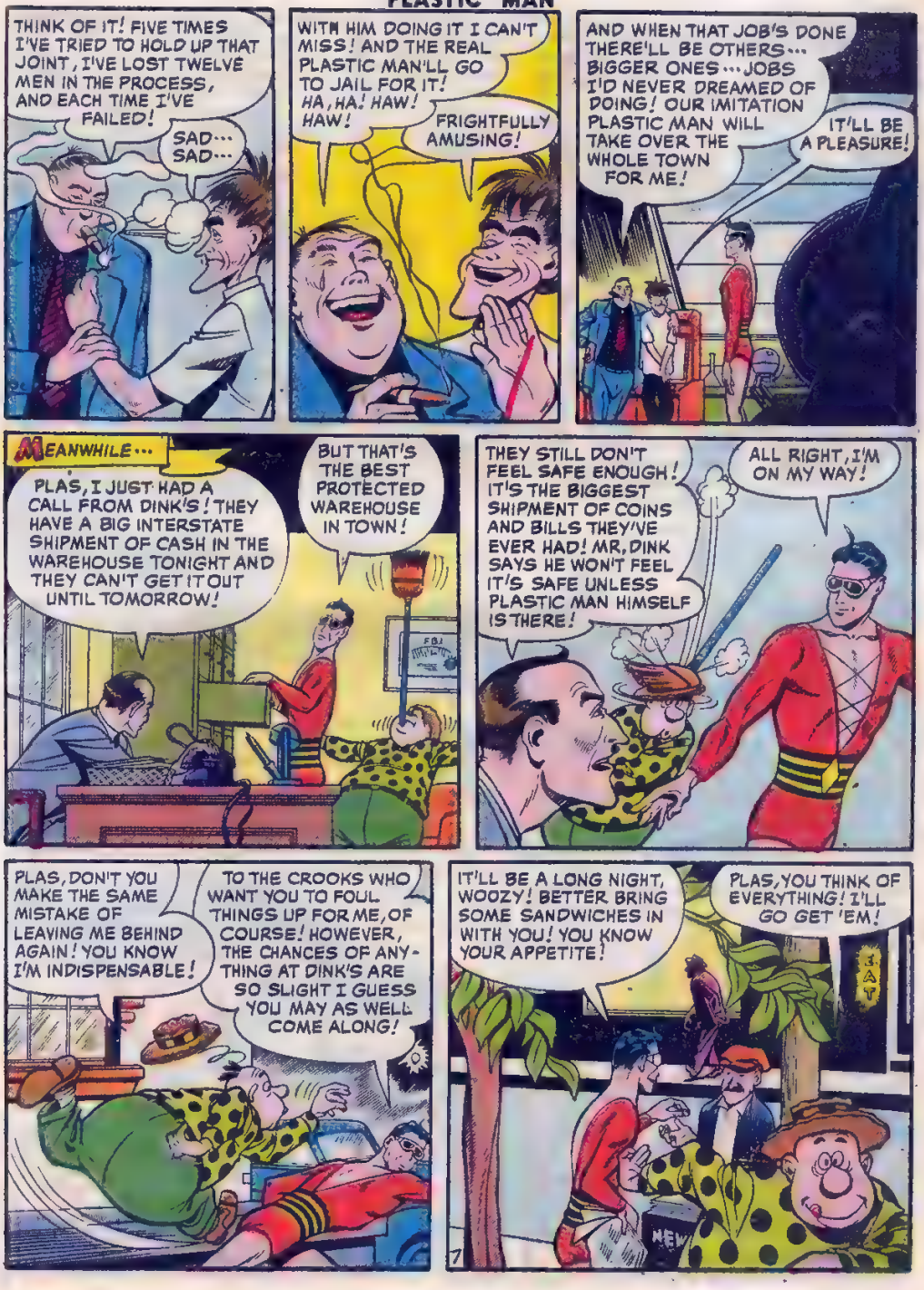
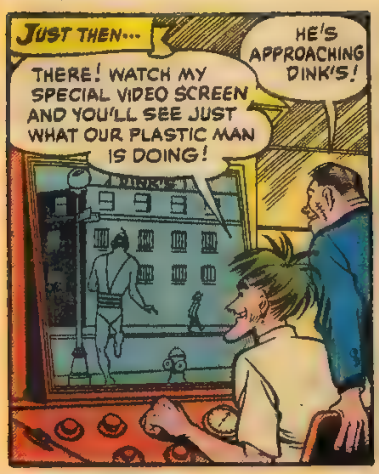
A POSSIBILITY? HOW YOU TALK! WHY, I'VE PRACTICALLY GOT IT FIGURED OUT! LOOK!
FIRST I BUILD THIS MACHINE··· THEN WITH THESE FORMULAE I MAKE A TYPE OF RUBBER SIMILAR TO THE KIND PLASTIC MAN'S MADE OF!
AND YOU MEAN I CAN HAVE A PLASTIC MAN JUST LIKE THE REAL ONE?
EXACTLY LIKE HIM!
BUT PLASTIC MAN'S A LIVING MAN! HOW CAN YOU MAKE YOUR PLASTIC MAN LIVE?
HE'LL FUNCTION ELECTRONICALLY BY REMOTE CONTROL! I'LL BUILD A MACHINE LIKE THIS···AND WE CAN SIT HERE AND MAKE HIM DO WHATEVER WE SAY!
MARVELOUS··· IF IT WORKS!
OF COURSE THE EQUIPMENT'LL TAKE MONEY! SHALL WE SAY FIFTY THOUSAND?
IT'LL BE CHEAP AT THAT PRICE IF YOU'RE SUCCESSFUL!
AND IF YOU AREN'T I CAN ALWAYS KNOCK YOU OFF! HERE'S THE CASH!
I'LL START AT ONCE!
And SEVERAL DAYS LATER···
EVERYTHING'S SET! HERE COMES THE IMITATION PLASTIC MAN!
IT HAD BETTER WORK!


GULP! PLASTIC MAN!
LET ME OUTTA HERE!
HA! HA! YOU'RE FORGETTING, BUNYAN, THAT THIS ISN'T THE REAL PLASTIC MAN!
GULP! YOU'D NEVER KNOW IT TO LOOK AT HIM!
NATURALLY! I LIKE TO DO THESE THINGS WELL!
BUT CAN HE DO ANYTHING? HE LOOKS LIKE A STATUE!
HE'LL DO PLENTY AS SOON AS I SEND MY ELECTRONIC ORDER TO HIM!
OUCH! HE'S SWIPING MY DIAMOND TIE PIN!
JUST FOR DEMONSTRATION PURPOSES! WE DON'T INTEND TO LET HIM GO IN FOR MERE BAUBLES!
THERE! I TOLD HIM TO RETURN YOUR TIE PIN!
DOC, THIS IS THE MOST SENSATIONAL THING YOU'VE EVER DONE!
AND I KNOW JUST WHAT HIS FIRST JOB IS GOING TO BE! DINK'S ARMORED CAR GARAGE!
ANYTHING YOU SAY, BUNYAN!

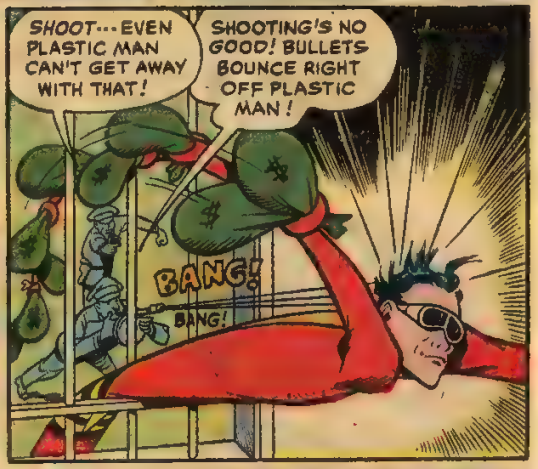

THINK OF IT! FIVE TIMES I'VE TRIED TO HOLD UP THAT JOINT, I'VE LOST TWELVE MEN IN THE PROCESS, AND EACH TIME I'VE FAILED!
SAD··· SAD···
WITH HIM DOING IT I CAN'T MISS! AND THE REAL PLASTIC MAN'LL GO TO JAIL FOR IT! HA, HA! HAW! HAW!
FRIGHTFULLY AMUSING!
AND WHEN THAT JOB'S DONE THERE'LL BE OTHERS··· BIGGER ONES··· JOBS I'D NEVER DREAMED OF DOING! OUR IMITATION PLASTIC MAN WILL TAKE OVER THE WHOLE TOWN FOR ME!
IT'LL BE A PLEASURE!
MEANWHILE···
PLAS, I JUST HAD A CALL FROM DINK'S! THEY HAVE A BIG INTERSTATE SHIPMENT OF CASH IN THE WAREHOUSE TONIGHT AND THEY CAN'T GET IT OUT UNTIL TOMORROW!
BUT THAT'S THE BEST PROTECTED WAREHOUSE IN TOWN!
FBI
THEY STILL DON'T FEEL SAFE ENOUGH! IT'S THE BIGGEST SHIPMENT OF COINS AND BILLS THEY'VE EVER HAD! MR. DINK SAYS HE WON'T FEEL IT'S SAFE UNLESS PLASTIC MAN HIMSELF IS THERE!
ALL RIGHT, I'M ON MY WAY!
PLAS, DON'T YOU MAKE THE SAME MISTAKE OF LEAVING ME BEHIND AGAIN! YOU KNOW I'M INDISPENSABLE!
TO THE CROOKS WHO WANT YOU TO FOUL THINGS UP FOR ME, OF COURSE! HOWEVER, THE CHANCES OF ANY-THING AT DINK'S ARE SO SLIGHT I GUESS YOU MAY AS WELL COME ALONG!
IT'LL BE A LONG NIGHT, WOOZY! BETTER BRING SOME SANDWICHES IN WITH YOU! YOU KNOW YOUR APPETITE!
PLAS, YOU THINK OF EVERYTHING! I'LL GO GET 'EM!
EAT
NEW

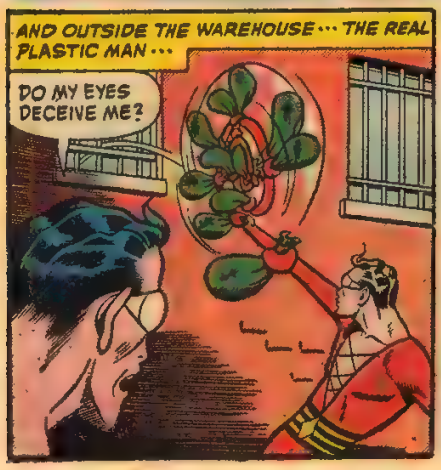

JUST THEN···
HE'S APPROACHING DINK'S!
THERE! WATCH MY SPECIAL VIDEO SCREEN AND YOU'LL SEE JUST WHAT OUR PLASTIC MAN IS DOING!

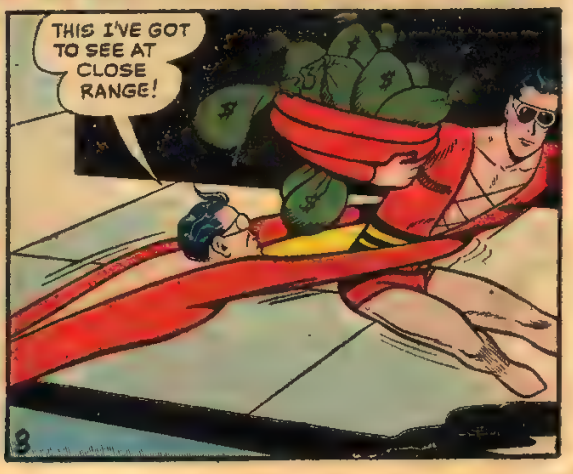
And INDEED THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT THE IMITATION PLASTIC MAN IS DOING···

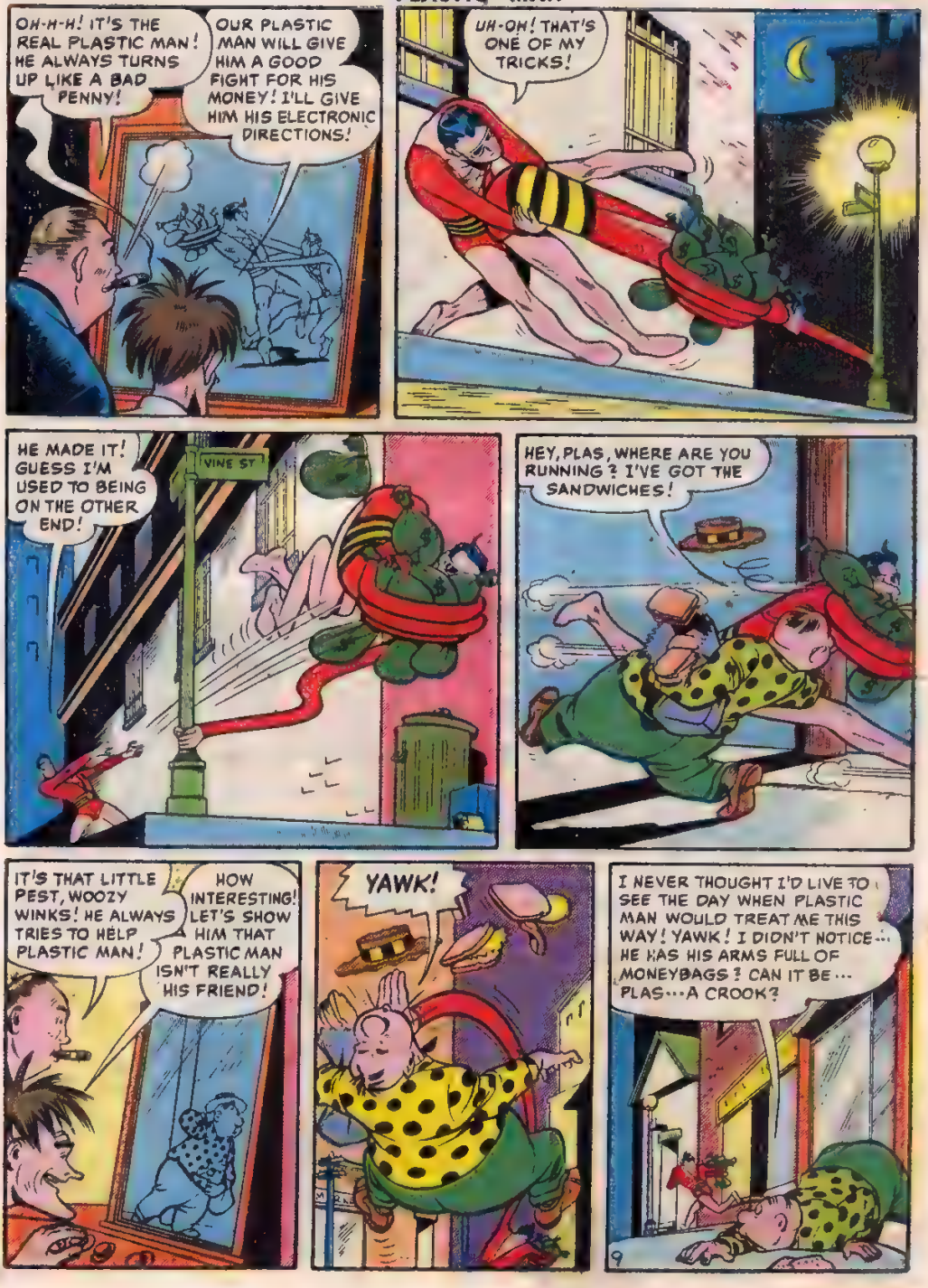
PLASTIC MAN! WHAT AN ODD WAY FOR YOU TO COME IN! YOU KNOW THE FRONT DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN TO YOU!

HE DOESN'T ANSWER!
WORSE! HE'S STEALING THE DOUGH!

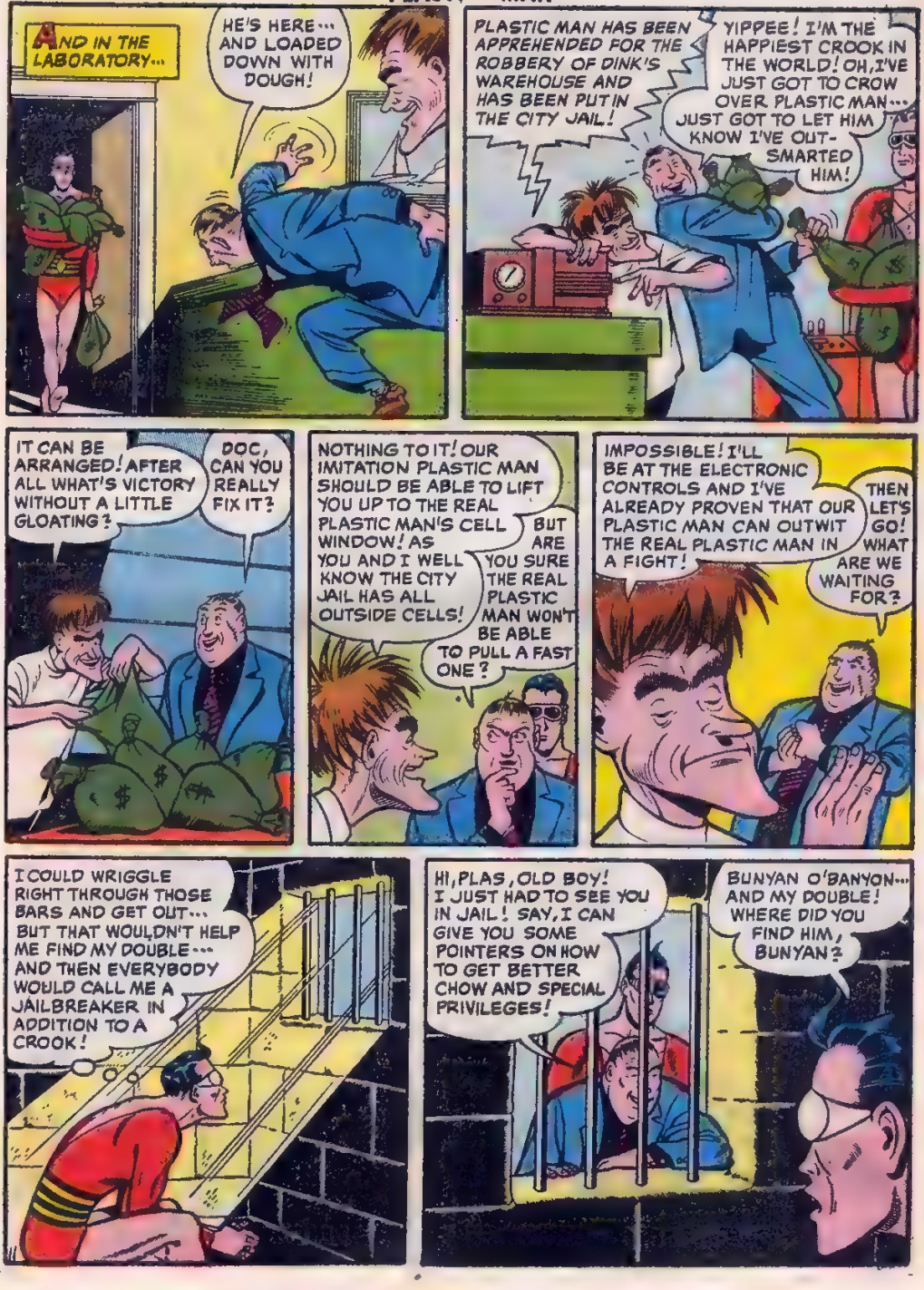

SHOOT··· EVEN PLASTIC MAN CAN'T GET AWAY WITH THAT!
SHOOTING'S NO GOOD! BULLETS BOUNCE RIGHT OFF PLASTIC MAN!
BANG!
BANG!


AND OUTSIDE THE WAREHOUSE··· THE REAL PLASTIC MAN···
DO MY EYES DECEIVE ME?


THIS I'VE GOT TO SEE AT CLOSE RANGE!


OH-H-H! IT'S THE REAL PLASTIC MAN! HE ALWAYS TURNS UP LIKE A BAD PENNY!
OUR PLASTIC MAN WILL GIVE HIM A GOOD FIGHT FOR HIS MONEY! I'LL GIVE HIM HIS ELECTRONIC DIRECTIONS!
UH-OH! THAT'S ONE OF MY TRICKS!
HE MADE IT! GUESS I'M USED TO BEING ON THE OTHER END!
VINE ST
HEY, PLAS, WHERE ARE YOU RUNNING? I'VE GOT THE SANDWICHES!
IT'S THAT LITTLE PEST, WOOZY WINKS! HE ALWAYS TRIES TO HELP PLASTIC MAN!
HOW INTERESTING! LET'S SHOW HIM THAT PLASTIC MAN ISN'T REALLY HIS FRIEND!
YAWK!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D LIVE TO SEE THE DAY WHEN PLASTIC MAN WOULD TREAT ME THIS WAY! YAWK! I DIDN'T NOTICE... HE HAS HIS ARMS FULL OF MONEYBAGS? CAN IT BE... PLAS... A CROOK?

WOOZY, WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU? HOW DID YOU LAND IN THE GUTTER?
YOU'RE ASKING ME?
I DON'T GET IT! NOW HE HASN'T GOT THE MONEY... HE CAME PAST ME AFTER HE'D ALREADY PASSED ME...I MEAN...OH, WHAT'S GOING ON HERE ANYWAY?
AGAIN PLASTIC MAN FACES FAILURE...
THAT IMITATION OF ME GOT AWAY!
I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO DINK'S AND SEE IF HE LEFT ANY CLUES!
THERE HE IS! HE CAME BACK TO THE SCENE OF THE CRIME!
PROBABLY FIGURES HE DIDN'T STEAL ENOUGH! DON'T MAKE A MOVE, PLASTIC MAN! YOU'RE UNDER ARREST!
DINK'S
DINK'S
BUT YOU FELLOWS DON'T UNDERSTAND...
WE UNDERSTAND ALL RIGHT! YOU'VE STASHED THE MONEY AWAY SOMEWHERE AND NOW YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD COME BACK WITH SOME COCK AND BULL STORY ABOUT NOT HAVING DONE IT!
OH, WHAT'S THE USE OF TRYING TO EXPLAIN?
PLAS A CROOK? SNIFF! IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE!
MUNCH! MUNCH!


AND IN THE LABORATORY...
HE'S HERE... AND LOADED DOWN WITH DOUGH!
PLASTIC MAN HAS BEEN APPREHENDED FOR THE ROBBERY OF DINK'S WAREHOUSE AND HAS BEEN PUT IN THE CITY JAIL!
YIPPEE! I'M THE HAPPIEST CROOK IN THE WORLD! OH, I'VE JUST GOT TO CROW OVER PLASTIC MAN... JUST GOT TO LET HIM KNOW I'VE OUT-SMARTED HIM!
IT CAN BE ARRANGED! AFTER ALL WHAT'S VICTORY WITHOUT A LITTLE GLOATING?
DOC, CAN YOU REALLY FIX IT?
NOTHING TO IT! OUR IMITATION PLASTIC MAN SHOULD BE ABLE TO LIFT YOU UP TO THE REAL PLASTIC MAN'S CELL WINDOW! AS YOU AND I WELL KNOW THE CITY JAIL HAS ALL OUTSIDE CELLS!
BUT ARE YOU SURE THE REAL PLASTIC MAN WON'T BE ABLE TO PULL A FAST ONE?
IMPOSSIBLE! I'LL BE AT THE ELECTRONIC CONTROLS AND I'VE ALREADY PROVEN THAT OUR PLASTIC MAN CAN OUTWIT THE REAL PLASTIC MAN IN A FIGHT!
THEN LET'S GO! WHAT ARE WE WAITING FOR?
I COULD WRIGGLE RIGHT THROUGH THOSE BARS AND GET OUT... BUT THAT WOULDN'T HELP ME FIND MY DOUBLE... AND THEN EVERYBODY WOULD CALL ME A JAILBREAKER IN ADDITION TO A CROOK!
HI, PLAS, OLD BOY! I JUST HAD TO SEE YOU IN JAIL! SAY, I CAN GIVE YOU SOME POINTERS ON HOW TO GET BETTER CHOW AND SPECIAL PRIVILEGES!
BUNYAN O'BANYON... AND MY DOUBLE! WHERE DID YOU FIND HIM, BUNYAN?

PLASTIC MAN

FRIEND OF MINE MADE HIM FOR ME... FELLER NAMED DOC BUMBLE! HE'S A BETTER PLASTIC MAN THAN YOU, PLAS, SO DON'T TRY TO PULL ANYTHING! YOU CAN'T BEAT AN ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED PLASTIC MAN!
DOC BUMBLE, EH? I'VE HEARD OF HIM! AND I SUPPOSE YOU AND HE ARE GOING TO SHARE THE LOOT FROM DINK'S!
WELL, I GUESS I'LL JUST GIVE DOC ENOUGH TO KEEP HIM HAPPY! AFTER ALL, HOW MUCH DOES A WACKY SCIENTIST NEED TO GET ALONG ON? HE DOESN'T GO IN FOR YACHTS AND PLANES AND FAST CARS AND BLONDES LIKE ME!
:GULP: MAYBE I SHOULDN'T HAVE SAID THAT! I FORGOT DOC CAN SEE ME AND HEAR ME!
AH! SO!
BACK IN THE LAB...
TSK! TSK! I WONDER WHY THESE THINGS O'BANYON SPEAKS OF NEVER OCCURRED TO ME! HOW SIMPLE TO TAKE THE MONEY AND BUY MYSELF A YACHT AND FAST CARS... AND EVEN MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE OF A BLONDE!
ALL I HAVE TO DO IS SMASH THIS EQUIPMENT AND THE REAL PLASTIC MAN WILL TAKE CARE OF THE REST!
CRASH!
I'VE GOT YOU, BUNYAN! LOOKS LIKE YOUR PLASTIC MAN COLLAPSED ON YOU! I'LL GET THE GUARDS TO BRING YOU IN AND MAKE YOU COMFORTABLE!
YAWP! DOC MUST'VE HEARD ME! I MUST'VE GIVEN HIM AN IDEA! HE'S DOUBLE CROSSING ME, PLAS! THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING! HE'LL POWDER WITH THE DOUGH!
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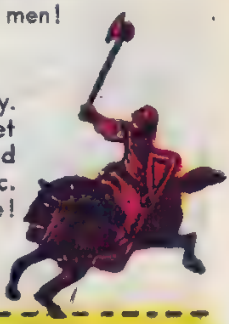

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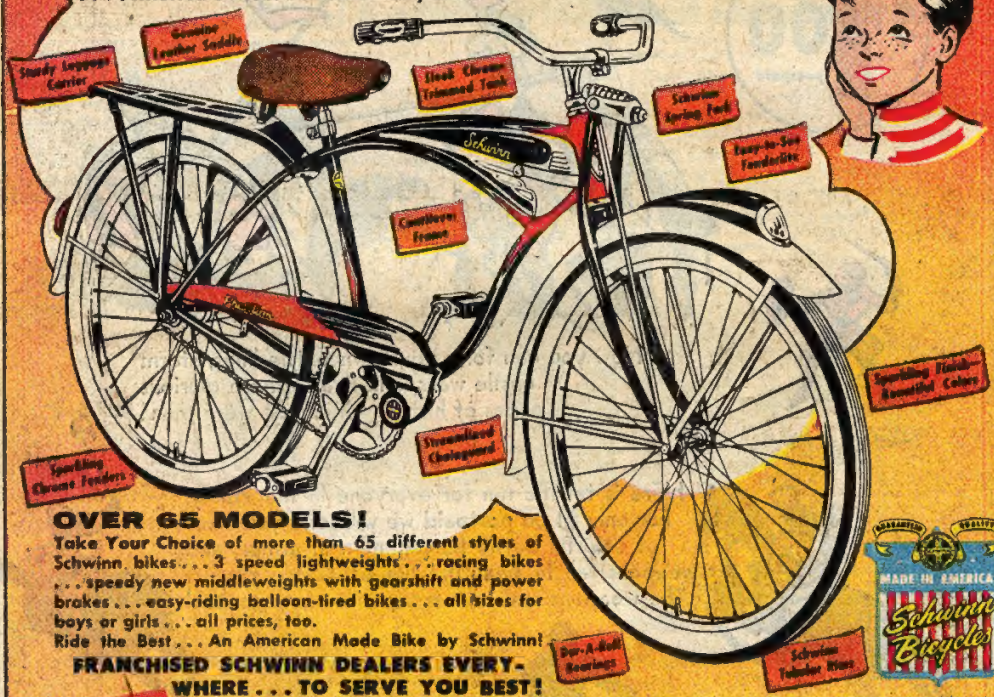

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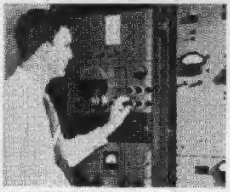

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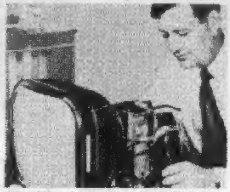

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